APPROVED TEXT-BOOKS—MAINTENANCE OF QUALITY

256. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have the Government taken in the matter of the violation of the undertaking by the publishers of text-books to maintain the quality of the text-books sold to pupils on the same level as that of the books supplied to the Text Book Committee?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The complaint was with regard to one book—Sahitya Bodhini. The present edition of this book was ordered to be sold at a considerably reduced price, *viz.* 25 per cent less.

RUBBER TYRES—RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT

257. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the editorial pages of the "Madras Mail", dated 20th November 1939 that rubber tyres manufactured in India have to be removed if a car is to be exported out of India;

(*b*) whether this system will not seriously affect the rubber industry in the State;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to move the Government of India to set right such practices which threaten the rubber industry in the State?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This will not affect the rubber industry in the State as rubber goods are not manufactured here.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*b*) there is no necessity to move the Government of India.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It will undoubtedly affect the rubber industry. I do not mean factory industry. I may be allowed to point out to the Government that the price of rubber produced in India will be affected and Cochin State being a part of India will also be affected if such things take place. So the matter may be brought before the notice of the Government of India.

Mr. J. H. Walmesly *(Nominated):* If a person wishes to export rubber he must have a quota for it, and I do not know how the difficulty pointed out by Mr. C. V. Iyyu arises in the matter of export of rubber.

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